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In re application of: PARENT, et al.

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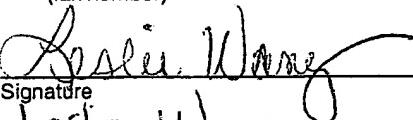
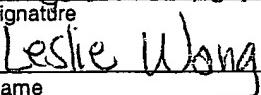
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2002 (the "Office Action"), the Applicants respond as follows:

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, the Applicants thank the Examiner for providing the Office Action. With regards to the substance of the Office Action, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections in light of the admonitions of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in In re Thrift, Case Number 01-1445 (Fed. Cir. August 9, 2002) against rejections based on a "very general and